

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 997

LCO No. 3104

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by: (JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1-24 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 3 The following officers may administer oaths: (1) The clerks of the 4 Senate, the clerks of the House of Representatives and the [chairmen] 5 chairpersons of committees of the General Assembly or of either 6 branch thereof, during its session; (2) state officers as defined in 7 subsection (t) of section 9-1, judges and clerks of any court, family 8 support magistrates, justices of the peace, commissioners of the 9 Superior Court, notaries public, commissioners appointed by the 10 Governor to take acknowledgment of deeds, town clerks and assistant town clerks, in all cases where an oath may be administered, except in 11 12 a case where the law otherwise requires; (3) commissioners on 13 insolvent estates, auditors, arbitrators and committees, to parties and 14 witnesses, in all cases tried before them; (4) assessors and boards of 15 assessment appeals, in cases coming before them; (5) commissioners 16 appointed by governors of other states to take the acknowledgment of 17 deeds, in the discharge of their official duty; (6) the moderator of a

18 school district meeting, in such meeting, to the clerk of such district, as 19 required by law; (7) the first selectman, in any matter before the board 20 of selectmen; (8) the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Medical 21 Examiner and assistant medical examiners of the Office of the Medical 22 Examiner, in any matter before them; (9) registrars of vital statistics, in 23 any matter before them; (10) any chief inspector or inspector appointed 24 pursuant to section 51-286; (11) registrars of voters, deputy registrars, 25 assistant registrars, and moderators, in any matter before them; (12) 26 special assistant registrars, in matters provided for in subsections (b) 27 and (c) of section 9-19b and section 9-19c; (13) the Commissioner of 28 Public Safety and any sworn member of any local police department or 29 the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, in 30 all affidavits, statements, depositions, complaints or reports made to or 31 by any member of any local police department or said Division of State 32 Police or any constable who is under the supervision of said 33 commissioner or any of such officers of said Division of State Police 34 and who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, 35 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties; (14) judge 36 advocates of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine 37 Corps, law specialists of the United States Coast Guard, adjutants, 38 assistant adjutants, acting adjutants and personnel adjutants, 39 commanding officers, executive officers and officers whose rank is 40 lieutenant commander or major, or above, of the armed forces as 41 defined in section 27-103 to persons serving with or in the armed 42 forces as defined in said section or their spouses; (15) investigators, 43 deputy investigators, investigative aides, secretaries, clerical assistants, 44 social workers, social worker trainees, paralegals and certified legal 45 interns employed by or assigned to the Public Defender Services 46 Commission in the performance of their assigned duties; (16) bail 47 commissioners, assistant bail commissioners and secretaries and 48 clerical assistants employed in the office of the Bail Commission in the 49 performance of their assigned duties; (17) juvenile matter investigators 50 employed by the Judicial Department in the performance of their 51 assigned duties; (18) the [chairman] chairperson of the Connecticut

52 Siting Council or [his] the chairperson's designee; (19) the presiding 53 officer at an agency hearing under section 4-177b; (20) family relations 54 counselors of the Family Division of the Superior Court, support 55 enforcement officers and investigators employed by the Department of 56 Social Services Bureau of Child Support Enforcement and the Judicial 57 Department in the performance of their assigned duties; [and] (21) the 58 [chairman, vice-chairman] chairperson, vice-chairperson and members 59 of the Board of Parole, parole officers and parole supervisors in the 60 performance of their assigned duties; and (22) the Commissioner of 61 Correction or the commissioner's designee.

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the Commissioner of Correction or the commissioner's designee to administer oaths.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]